

Notice of Allowability

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Applicant(s)

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Examiner

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 10/03/2007.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1,2,4-8 and 11-14.
3. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
- (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
- 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____

DETAILED ACTION

Examiner amendment

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Dossa Aly (713) 228-8600 on 12/05/2007.

The application has been amended as follow:

In The Claims:

Claim 3 has been canceled.

Claims 1, 4 and 8 has been amended as followed:

1. (Currently Amended) A method for managing phone numbers attribution after replacement of a first portable object by a second portable object, the first portable object being coupled to a communication device arranged to communicate with a network, the first portable object comprising a first identification data identifying a first phone number, wherein the method comprises the following steps:

a first sending step, in which the communication device sends to an application server a message including a second identification data identifying a second phone number assigned to the second portable object, wherein before the first sending step, the application server sends a secure message for deleting, in the first portable object, the first identification data;

an inserting step, in which the second portable object is inserted in the communication device, the second portable object comprising a second identification data identifying the second phone number; and

a second sending step, in which an application server sends a message for replacing, in the second portable object, the second identification data by the first identification data attached to the first phone number.

4. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 1, wherein the secure message is encrypted, the encryption being performed by using an encryption key attached to the portable object, and by using an algorithm that resides both on the Application Server, and on the portable object.

8. (Currently Amended) An application server arranged to communicate with a communication device, the communication device being coupled to a first portable object, the first portable object comprising a first identification data identifying a first phone number the application server storing the first identification data wherein the application server comprises a computer program arranged to perform the following steps:

a receiving step, in which the application server receives from the communication device, a message including second identifying data identifying a second phone number assigned to a second portable object, wherein before the receiving step, the application server sends a secure message for deleting, in the first portable object, the first identification data and

a sending step, in which the application server sends a message for replacing, in the second portable object, the second identification data by the first identification data, wherein the second sending step is configured to perform after the second portable object has been coupled to the communication device.

Examiner Remark

2. The limitation of claim 3 has been added to independent claims 1 and 8.

Reasons for Allowance

3. This office action is response to amendment filed on 10/03/2007. Claim 3 has been canceled and claims 1-2, 4-8 and 11-14 are currently pending.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowed:

Claims 1-2, 4-8 and 11-14 are allowed.

Regarding claim 1, the prior art record fails to anticipate or render obvious a method for managing phone numbers attribution after replacement of a first portable object by a second portable object, the first portable object being coupled to a communication device arranged to communicate with a network, the first portable object comprising a first identification data identifying a first phone number, wherein the method comprises the following steps:

a first sending step, in which the communication device sends to an application server a message including a second identification data identifying a second phone number assigned to the second portable object, wherein before the first sending step, the application server sends a secure message for deleting, in the first portable object, the first identification data;

an inserting step, in which the second portable object is inserted in the communication device, the second portable object comprising a second identification data identifying the second phone number; and

a second sending step, in which an application server sends a message for replacing, in the second portable object, the second identification data by the first identification data attached to the first phone number, all limitations in combination as defined by applicant.

Regarding claim 8, the prior art record fails to anticipate or render obvious an application server arranged to communicate with a communication device, the communication device being coupled to a first portable object, the first portable object comprising a first identification data identifying a first phone number the application server storing the first identification data wherein the application server comprises a computer program arranged to perform the following steps:

a receiving step, in which the application server receives from the communication device, a message including second identifying data identifying a second phone number assigned to a second portable object, wherein before the receiving step, the application server sends a secure message for deleting, in the first portable object, the first identification data and

a sending step, in which the application server sends a message for replacing, in the second portable object, the second identification data by the first identification data, wherein the second sending step is configured to perform after the second portable object has been coupled to the communication device, all limitations in combination as defined by applicant.

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4. Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submission should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Dai A Phuong whose telephone number is 571-272-7896. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday to Friday, 9:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M..

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Nguyen M Duc can be reached on 571-272-7503. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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